

Rainier Beach Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting (NAC)

MEETING SUMMARY

March 21, 2012 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Southeast Seattle Senior Center

ATTENDEES

NAC Members: Cheryl dos Remedios, Christy Coxley, David Sauvion, Harry Hoffman, Margaret Yellowwolf, Mohamed Sheikh Hassan, Robert “Trey” West, Rodolfo “Rudy” Castillo, Vallerie Fisher, Gregory Davis, Guyanthony Parramore.

City Staff:

Nora Liu (DPD), Sebhat Tenna (DON), Pamela Banks (DON), Kerry Wade (DON).

Guests:

Mary Murray, Nanette Fok, Trang Tu

WORKSHOP DEBRIEF

Observations

- Nora thanked the NAC for the success of the March 14th Rainier Beach NPU workshop and mentioned that she had received a number of kudos from various people.
 - The event had a great energy, a diverse crowd and an overall celebratory feeling throughout the workshop.
 - People were impressed by the number of elected officials in attendance.
 - POEL process was very helpful. Great to see so many cultures represented and be so passionate about neighborhood issues.
- People observed that there was some confusion at the beginning of the workshop but things fell into place and ran smoothly once everyone settled into their various roles.
 - It would be helpful to present as a more unified group in the future—rather than as individuals with individual issues.
 - Nora stated that the City will work on giving more time for translations, more time for information to be conveyed to NAC and other facilitators in advance of the event.
 - Others suggested that it might be better to be less constructed and allow for spontaneity and natural flow.
- It was nice to see that a model where the NAC and the Community take the reins can work successfully.
 - NAC members learned a lot about what community groups are already doing work around these issues.
 - Also a good opportunity for various groups to learn about each other’s projects.

MOVING FORWARD

New Changes in Roles and Responsibilities

- David will begin work on the RB Urban Design Frame work
- Nora and Kerry will continue to support the group/action team leaders throughout the transition into implementation for the next six months.
- POELs may need to continue support
 - POELs possibly provide workshops
 - Need to formulate some kind of communications plan to keep historically-underrepresented communities (HUCs) involved.
 - Kerry is working on recommendations that will allow for more HUC participation.
 - City will need to know specific requests for POELs well in advance as they are being requested by City departments for next year.

Fund Development Plan (presented by Nanette Fok)

- There are concerns about how communication between various organizations will doing the work will be accommodated.
- There is a need to articulate the purpose of the work.
 - Have a consistent message.
- Have funding systems in place.
 - Have accountability for funding
 - Know in advance where and how funds will be distributed and how they will be used.
 - Have a team dedicated to seeking funding
- Major category of funders
 - Individuals
 - Corporations
 - Special events
 - Grantmakers
 - Many books and trainings available to build on this fundamental information
- Four organizations/funding sources for consideration:
 - Neighborhood Matching Fund
 - Impact Capital's Vibrant Communities Program
 - Promise Neighborhoods
 - Seattle Foundation

CALL TO ACTION

Follow Up Meetings

- There was a suggestion for former RB NAC members to hold a meeting to discuss future meetings.
 - Need to determine who from the former NAC wants to remain involved
 - Request that sign-up and sign-in sheets from previous RB NPU Workshop are made available so people can make contact with attendees. Nora mentioned that this information will be made available by spreadsheet next week.
 - Also would like to see the report from each group. Nora indicated that this would be available in a few weeks.

Organizational Development

- Nora stated that the NAC had wanted to retain Trang's services.
 - There was a questions as to rather NAC should take the initiative and seek funding to retain Trang.

City Team presented NAC members with certificates of appreciation for all of their hard work.